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God Interrupts Our Helpless Estate

Proposition: Every one of us are in a helpless sinful condition. A condition that will ensure us a guilty verdict before a holy God of judgment. But this God of judgment is also merciful and in these verses I want you to see the great love of God.

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"God loves you!" It's on bumperstickers and tee-shirts. I remember witness encounters where I've told people that God loves them and they will respond

"I know, I know God loves me..."

It seems as though people get much too the truth of God's love unless they are stopped and jolted into seeing the reality of God's love. Richard Baxter a 17th century preacher seems to jolt us in one of his messages. He wrote: Is it a small thing in your eyes to be loved by God?

As the song writer wrote "Oh Love of God, How rich and pure how measureless and strong it shall forever more endure, the saints and angels sing" Even more amazing than God's love is the object on which it is set: Sinful rebellious men women boys + girls. Souls powerless to enjoy fellowship with God because of our depraved sinful condition. But God interrupted this helpless estate, and out of His great love made us way a path to know Him and experience His Love. Everyone.

I. The Sight of God's Love (vs 6-8)

Here in these verses we are given sight to God's Love. The old saying goes "Seeing is believing" Well what do

we see when we look at the Love of God;

A. An Unrestricted Love (Vs 6) - There seems to be no restrictions to God's love. No boundaries. No people for which God's is unextended. The penman, Paul, could thought of a great and religiously upstanding Pharisee of Pharisees one who from our vantage point would be on the upper echelon of acceptability with God. But here "when we" powerless to condemn ourselves to God. Ungodly completely opposite of God. Yet God in love offered up his Son on the altar of the cross for all.

B. An Unrivaled Love (Vs. 7-8) - Around the every day life of our president, stand men who are trained and committed to give their lives if need be for the preservation of the life of the president. But you do not see these men standing in a back alley protecting the life of the passed out drunk on the street. That's the summary of us 7. But God's showed is all his love that while we were the sinners the law breaker, the rebels against God, who only ³rightly deserved God's wrath.

IV. The Substance of God's Love (Vs 9-10)

The substance of God's Love is in the Son that was given.
Vs 8 Jesus is the very expression

1) Is it a small thing in your eyes to be loved by God - to be the son, the spouse, the love, the delight of the King of glory? Christian, believe this, and think about it: you will be eternally embraced in the arms of the love which was from everlasting, and will extend to everlasting - of the love which brought the Son of God's love from heaven to earth, from earth to the cross, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to glory - that love which was weary, hungry, tempted, scorned, scourged, buffeted, spat upon, crucified, pierced - which fasted, prayed, taught, healed, wept, sweated, bled, died. That love will eternally embrace you.

2) ...every one of us are in a helpless sinful condition. A condition that will ensure us a guilty verdict before a holy God of judgment. But this God of judgment is also merciful and in these verses I want you to see the great love of God.

3) ...deserved God's wrath, became objects of His divine love!

Matthew 9:13 ...I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

It is a great thing to be loved by God to be the son,
the spouse, the love, the delight of the King of glory, I mean,
believe that and think about it, you will be eternally satisfied
in the love of the Father which was not a satisfying, and will
extend to everything - at the love which caused the Son of
God's love to be in right relationship to the Father, from
the love of the Father, from the love to glory, the love which
was never broken, broken and broken, broken, broken, broken,
upon, broken, broken - which lasted, broken, broken, broken.

1) ...Armageddon then and there. Instead yon lovely Man cried,
"Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

that will receive a justly verdict before a holy God of
judgment. But the love of judgment is also merciful and in these
words I want you to see the great love of God.

2)salvation. Christ giving His live for us saves us from the
penalty of sin. Christ giving His life to us saves us from the
power of sin, as it will one day save us from the presence of sin.

of the Love of God.

A. The Life of His Son For Us. (Vs 9-10a)

We stood guilty before God, separat
in line to receive the punishment for
our sins. But the perfect life of Christ
was given for us on the cross of Calvary.
The author wrote: "Those iron bolts
of love in the pierced hand of the crucifier
Christ could well have become thunderbolts
of wrath. He could have hurled His anathema
across a guilty world, summoned from the same
parts of heaven's shining regions with drawn
and flaming swords, and marched to armageddon."

B. The Life of His Son To Us. (Vs 10b)

3 days after Christ's cruel death on that
cross, this Jesus rose from that horrid
tomb. And after being seen by a
multitude of witnesses he ascended
into the heavens and is alive today.

We are not only saved by his death but
by his ever continuing life. "If God's
love reached us before, when we were in our
sins, how much more now when we are vitally
linked with his Son. Our union w/ Christ
as believers, guarantees a continuing salvation."

III. The Share of God's Love (Vs 11)

Ps 103:2 says "Bless the Lord O my
soul, and forget not all his
benefits." What are the Benefits

what is our share in the love of God
A. A Reason For Rejoicing (Vs 1/a)

We rejoice in Him. We find joy in God. Those that have received the love of God in Christ Jesus discover a source of joy that will never go dry. The sinner which has yet to receive God's love in Christ, fears and hates God. He finds no pleasure in knowing to such a controlling and all powerful being. But to those whose eyes have been opened to a vision of Calvary, the commending of God's love. We rejoice in the wonderous plan of our
B. A Reception of Reconciliation (Vs 1/b)

Atonement. The word Atonement can be broken apart to reveal its meaning at-one-ment. It means the action by which two opposing parties are now in agreement. Atonement. Thus the love of God, expressed in the crucifixion of His Son we are now at one ment with God. The very same word is translated "Reconciliator" in V10. We who know Jesus Christ as Saviour live a peace with God. Col 1:20

IV. Close - One Author made We can love our own, and also the good and the gracious; But God loves the ungodly the worst of sinners and the most bitter blasphemers. Our Part is to receive that ^{Love in His Son, Our Saviour}

1) ...plan of unimaginable love. We own an unwavering joy in the fact that our many sins and the demands of the judgments which followed them have all been redeemed and met at the foot of an old rugged cross.

2) Colossians 1:20 tells us that God has "made peace by the blood of his cross"